Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES
December 13, 2010
Stanislaus County Farm Bureau
11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Kathy Anderson  Tom Orvis
Alan Cover      Ed Perry
John Herlihy    Wayne Zipser

Board Members Absent:
Lisa Funk        Arby Hoobyar       Tom Maring
Richard Gibson   Norman Kline

Ex-Officio Board Members:
Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Present      Diana Waller, USDA-NRCS - Present
Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Alternate) – Present   Rowe Barney, DER & Parks - Present
Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:
Nicole Damin, DER & Parks                Raul Mendez, Stan Co. Chief Executive Office
Horacio Ferriz, DER & Parks               Milton O’Haire, Ag Commissioner’s Office
Vance Kennedy, Hydrologist/Farmer         Debbie Wohld, Ag Commissioner’s Office

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vance Kennedy handed out an information sheet and spoke about the Road Scholar Program. This educational program for seniors is widely available across the U.S. and Canada. He hopes to bring this program to Stanislaus County and the Central Valley. He would like input from those involved in agriculture in our community.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Ciara Chiesa.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2010 MEETING
It was M/S/P (unanimous) to approve the November 1, 2010 minutes.

IV. STATUS OF GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE REFERRAL

Gary Caseri, Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner, reported that the final draft of the Groundwater Export Ordinance (Regulation) was referred to CEO Rick Robinson. The final draft will now undergo a legal review by County Counsel. Any changes will be brought back to the Ag Advisory Board. Commissioner Caseri noted that he will keep the Board updated.
V. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

B. Agenda Items

- Alternative Buffers, if applicable
- Ag Element Review

Please contact John Herlihy, Gary Caseri or Debbie Wohld with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman John Herlihy adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Wohld
Ag Commissioner’s Office
Stanislaus County